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THREE CENTS

Winship-Howard California Wedding

Miss Betsy Ann Howard, daughter of Mrs. Lloyd Preston Howard of Tucson, Ariz., became the bride of Sumner Robertson Winship, formerly on the staff of the American Youth Hostels, and resident of Northfield. Friday afternoon, December 22, at the home of the bride's aunt, Mrs. Egerton D. Lakin, in Palo Alto, Cal The marriage was performed by Rev. R. Marvin Stuart, minister of the First Methodist Church of that town.

The bride was given in marriage by her uncle, Egerton D. Lakin, and wore a gown of white satin with fingertip marquisette veil, and carried a bouquet of gardenias and orange blossoms. Mrs. Kai Suhr, a cousin of the bride, the only bridal attendant, wore a white jersey gown, and carried autumn flowers. The best man was Lieut. (jg) Robert M. Seibert of Philadelphia, attached to the Flag Pacific Amphibious Training Command.

The groom is the son of Rev. and Mrs. Harold S. Winship of Hanson, Mass., where Rev. Mr. Winship is pastor of the First Congregational Church.

Mrs. Howard accompanied her daughter to Palo Alto for the ceremony together with the bride's sisterin-law, wife of Capt. John B. Howard of the Air Transport Command.

Mrs. Winship attended Rice Institute in Houston, Tex., and the University of Arizona in Tucson. She was a member of the staff of Radio Station KVOA, Tucson. Mr. Winship attended Bulkeley High School, Hartford, Conn., Temple University, Philadelphia, and the University of Arizona. He is with the passenger traffic department of the Southern Pacific Company, at Oakland, Cal., where the couple will make their home.

Serves Army as Nurse

A Worcester newspaper recently carried a feature story quoting at length from the diary of Lieut Dorothy E. Wiliams, Northfield class of 1931, now of the Army Nurse Corps, who is situated in New Zealand. She is the sister-in-law of Capt. Lester P. White of the Army Chaplain Corps, formerly chaplain of Mount Hermon School. Lieut. Williams' dairy described a 10-day motor tour she made through the New Zealand back country accompanied by a native nurse. The country's distinctive flora and fauna and the Maori aborigines which were of special interest to the Yankee nurse are described graphically and with a fine sense of humor. She has been overseas since 1942.

Awarded Purple Heart

T/4 Leon Bistrek of the 104th Infantry, 26th Division, who was into the Army March 19, 1941.

Local Boy Assigned To Artillery Service

The many friends of Pvt. Norman E. Way were pleased to receive greetings from him during the holiday season. He had been in training camps in North Carolina and Alabama and was in Northfield for a furlough about two months ago. Now it is learned that he has been attached to a battery company of artillery in the Army and has received his assignment.

It is presumed that he has gone overseas with his unit for his address is now only furnished through the Postmaster in New York.



PVT. NORMAN E. WAY

Pvt. Way came to Northfield and was associated with his father in the conduct of an antique business at the Sunset Inn until his draft into the service. He was an accomplished musician and sang several times to audiences here.

Valley Symphony Will Play Sunday

The Pioneer Valley Symphony will open its sixth season on Sunday, January 7, in the Greenfield High School auditorium with Miss Adele Addison, negro soprano, as guest artist. Harold A. Leslie will conduct the program.

The symphony will play the "Oxford Symphony" by Haydn, Handel's "O Sleep, Why Dost Thou Leave Me," Mozart's "Allelulia," Charpentier's 'Depuis le Jour," Brahms' Hungarian dances 5 and 6, Tchaikowsky's "Andante Cantabile," and Strauss's "Emperor Waltz."

The second concert in the series of three will be given Sunday afternoon, March 4, when George Zozofski, concert violinist of the Boston Symphony will be guest artist. The date of the third concert will be announced later.

A large attendance of music lovers from Northfield is expected.

Mrs. Merrill T. Moore of Maple wounded in action in France, has been Street announces a great grandson, awarded the Purple Heart which has born to Lieut. and Mrs. Henry Shepbeen received by his mother, Mrs. Jo- ard at Chapman Memorial Hospital sephine Bistrek of Northfield. Sergt. at St. Stephens, N. B., on Friday, Bistrek has also received the Combat December 8. Lieut. Shepard is sta-Badge for carrying out wounded com- tioned in England with the Air Corps. rades under fire. He was inducted Mrs. Moore is with her daughter in White Plains for the winter.

"Vacation" Dwellings New England Survey

The New England Council has just published a survey of the "vacation" dwellings in New England, meaning homes that are used only during the summer or vacation period by nonresidents. The map accompanying the survey shows the proportions by states with percentages. In the United States as a whole the percent is 1.3 while for New England it is over 5

Maine and New Hampshire contain the most of the summer homes although our state of Massachusetts makes a good showing in the Cape morning at the church and the usual Cod area. The area in which Northfield is located is classified with from 2 to 5 per cent. Our local assessors would probably state that we have close to 5 per cent of summer homes. The survey is definite proof that to New England the summer business is an asset and not a liability and applies with equal force to the individual community. Northfield has no large industrial enterprises and aside from its agricultural and dairy interests, the summer vacationist is its big proposition. It should be encouraged and developed more fully in the future.

O'Keefe - Severance

Miss Sybil Severance, daughter of M. and Mrs. Irwin Severance of Birnam Road, and Donald O'Keefe, USN, son of Mrs. Jennie O'Keefe of Crockett, Cal., were married Saturday evening, December 23, at the home of Rev. Ellis Jones who used the double ring service.

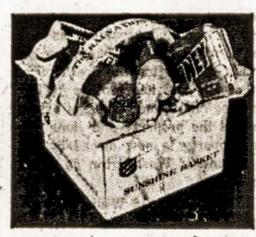
Miss Shirley Severance, sister of the bride, was maid of honor and Richard Barrows, SM 3-c, USN, was best man. Following the ceremony a reception was held at Hillside cottage.

The bride is a graduate of the Northfield School for Girls and the Deaconess Hospital Training School for Nurses in Boston. After a brief wedding trip, the bride returned to her position at the Boston Lying-in Hospital and the bridegroom the naval receiving station in Brooklyn, where he is stationed.

TOWN MEETING The Annual MONDAY, FEB. 5th

Pastor's Reception Monday Evening

A reception will be accorded to Rev. and Mrs. Joseph W. Reeves in the Congregational Church on Monday evening, January 8, at 8 o'clock to which all are invited. Mr. Reeves and his family have moved from Winchendon and are now occupying the parsonage. He will preach Sunday services will be held including Christian Endeavor in the evening.



Baskets of Sunshine Bring Christmas Cheer

The cheer brought at the Christlost. To the sick and the afflicted, to cial skating events, races and fancy proved indeed a benediction in the ob- was director of events which were committees.

Mrs. Jaycee: "Goodness, George, this isn't our baby. It's the wrong annual affair. A large number of

rubber tires."

Ration Dates For Consumers

Meats and Fats-Book No. 4 Red stamps Q5 through X5 only, now valid and worth 10 points each. Red tokens, worth one point each, may be used as change. All other red point stamps canceled. Next series of stamps will be validated January 28.

Canned Goods - Blue stamps X5, Y5, Z5, and A2 through G2, in Book 4, only, worth 10 points each, now valid. Next series of stamps will be validated February 1.

Sugar-Stamp 34 only, in Book 4, now valid for five pounds; good indefinitely. All other sugar stamps canceled. Another sugar stamp will be validated February 1.

Shoes-Stamps 1, 2, and 3 on "Airplane" sheet of Book 3 now valid for one pair each. Good indefinitely.

The Ice Carnival Was Huge Success

The Ice Carnival of 1944, Saturday, December 30, will be accredited as the most successful ever held here. The weather was cold but perfect conditions prevailed and the ice was smooth, hard and fast. The public was informed of the event by bulletin. mailing and a large number responded as participants in the sport mas time to the many homes here or as visitors to witness the various and individuals by the Salvation Army numbers of the program. The street brings the satisfaction to those re- was lined with automobiles on both sponsible, that loves labour is never sides. There was general skating, spethose who mourn, the "baskets of and daring exhibitions by professional sunshine." as well as the flowers troupe from elsewhere. Gene Cullum servance of the Saviour's birth. announced through a loudspeaker. Throughout the land, as well as in There was much transcribed music Northfield these compassionate acts which enlivened the program. Mr. were administered through the local Spencer, Mr. Kirk and Mr. Johnson of the rink committee deserve much appreciation for making the carnival a success. It is planned to make it an those attending the carnival were Mr. Jayce: "Shut up, this one has many of the older folks of the community.

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Seal Sales Closed

The sale of the Christmas Seals in this community has closed and the result amounts to \$315. However, some seals which were sent out by mail have not been accounted for and it is hoped that returns will be made immediately. Mrs. George H. Pefferle, who was chairman of the local effort, wishes to thank all who cooperated to make the sale a success. The Franklin County Public Health Association benefit by the receipts.

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Hostel Annual Reunion

The annual Northfield reunion of members of the American Youth Hostel was held here at the national headquarters from Wednesday, December 27 to and including January 1. A goodly number attended the gathering and shared in the social program, which included dancing, movies and music. There were events in many sports, skiing, sleighing, skating and hiking. Of course, many personal experiences in hosteling were related which abounded in interest and linked all together in a common purpose. Considerably over a hundred hostelers shared in the reunion, who were welcomed by the officials and staff of the Hostel organization.

Celestia Allen Dies

Miss Celestia A. Allen died Saturday, December 30, at the Bronson Inn where she had made her home failing health for a long time and for several years. She had been in pasceed off quietly in her sleep. She was born January 13, 1862, at Deerfield, daughter of James M. and Mary (Lyman) Allen. She came to Northfield when a child with her parents, who located on Burt Hill on the Winchester Road and occupied the same home during her lifetime when her parents died. After the death of her mother she and her brother "Willie" remained there and after his passing she sold the property and came here. The property is now owned by Robert Milkey of Washington as a summer home.

Both Celestia and Willie were well known to all in the northern part of the town especially to summer residents and were characters of the "old school." Funeral services were held on Tuesday afternoon at Kidders funeral parlors.

Town Topics

James Dixon and Miss Jean Dixon, son and daughter of Mrs. Mildred Dixon of Woodhaven, N. Y., were guests of the Briesmaster family last week.

Miss Ellen Briesmaster, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Briesmaster of Valley Vista Inn, is spending 10 days in New York visiting relatives and friends.

Etna W. Stevens has received an honorable discharge from the Army and will assist his father in caring 1-12-3t for the farm.

Town Topics

Gordon Buffum disposed of an unusually large number of Christmas trees at his store on Main Street. There was a heavy demand with good prices for them.

Greetings from the Towner family in Reno, Nev., reveal that Norman is in Belgium, attached to headquarters of the 99th Division; David is in the Navy V-12 in Louisiana Tech at Ruston; and Shirley, now Mrs. Prince A. Hawkins, is in Boston.

Robert B. Shearer has been selected as a traverse juror for the Superior Court sessions in Greenfield.

The many local patrons of the Garden Theater in Greenfield regretted to hear of the sudden death of its manager, Claude Fredericks, who suffered a fatal heart attack in his office late Wednesday night, December 27.

Mount Hermon School opened on Wednesday, January 3, and the Girls' School will open on Wednesday, January 10. The mid-year commencement at Mount Hermon is scheduled for January 21 when a class of 15 boys will be graduated.

Mrs. Hans M. Zachmann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Miller, whose husband is in the service in Italy and who is a student at Fenn College, Cleveland, spent the holiday vacation with her parents.

Town Topics

Mrs. Allen H. Wright spent the Christmas holidays with her daughter, Mrs. Lawrence White in Boston, who with her son Lanny, spent the New Year's season here, with her mother.

Mrs. James Neigh and her infant daughter, Jean Elizabeth, has returned to her home on Birnam Road from the Franklin County Hospital.

A number of friends from Northfield greeted Mr. and Mrs. Harry C. Gates at their home in Orange recently in the observance of their 50th wedding anniversary. Mrs. Gates was the former Nellie M. Crane of this town.

The prayer meetings of the South Vernon Church held each Thursday evening will be held at the Vernon Home instead of at the church for the remainder of the winter.

The dental office of Dr. Richard G. Holton in the Bookstore building, which has been closed during his vacation in Ohio, reopens Monday, January 8.

Superior Court will be in session in Greenfield, opening Monday, January 8, with Judge Thomas J. Hammond, presiding.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Miller of Washington enjoyed a holiday vacation with his mother, Mrs. Sarella Miller of Winchester Road. Encholary IS FULL OF

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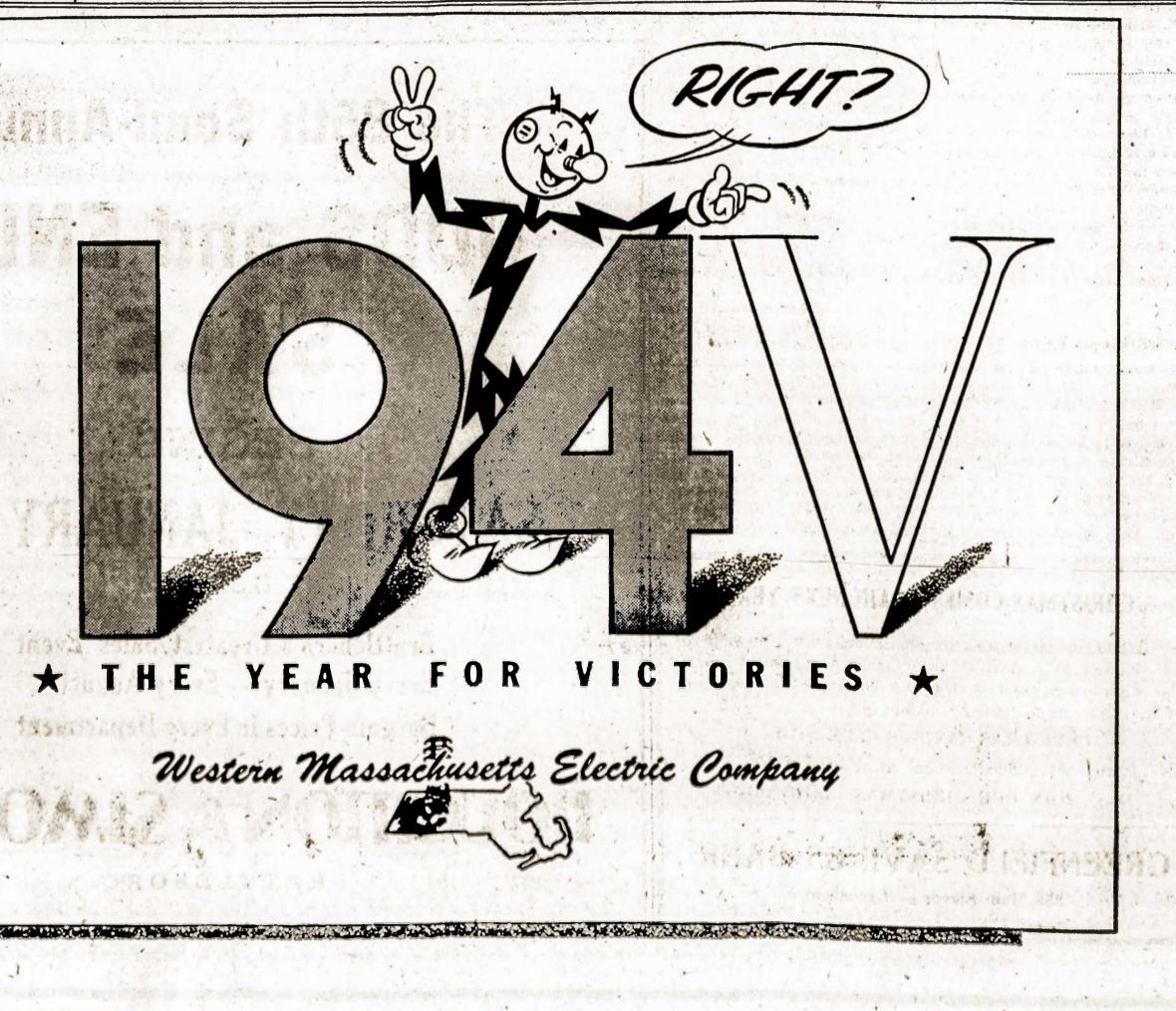
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Hotel Was Festive In Holiday Season

Beautiful in its festive decorations was the appearance of the Northfield Hotel during the holiday season and its setting amid the white snows especially on the moonlit nights offered a most inviting attendance. The hotel was crowded to capacity and the guests and friends enjoyed the special dinners on the holidays. Sports were the order of the day and beside the pleasure of skiing, there was some sleighing and the ice rink was used by throngs. Indoors there was the evening concert and social hour and on Saturday evening a most enjoyable dance. The decorated Christmas trees at the lobby entrance and the colored lights at the windows reflected in the snows gave the Northfield a most alluring appearance never to be forgotten.

Mrs. Cora Preston Dies

Mrs. Cora (Holton) Preston, widow of Kitts Webster Preston, died at her home out Maple Street on Friday, December 22, after a long period of ill health. She was 88 years of age and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Asa Holton, being born on the same farm where she died. After completing her education she became a teacher and served for a long time in the schoolhouse of District 9. After her marriage to Mr. Preston, they resided in West Northfield, but following his death some 20 years ago, she returned to the homestead and made her home with her brother, Frank, and sister, Charlotte, whom she has survived for several years.

Surviving as next of kin are her second cousins, Fred A. Holton, Mrs. C. A. Hodgen and Miss Daisey Holton. There are several nieces in the West. Funeral services were conducted on Sunday afternoon at the home with Rev. Arthur. Heeb of the Unitarian Church officiating and burial was in the West Northfield Cemetery.

The annual meeting of the Health Council will be held Monday afternoon, January 8, at 3:30 p. m. in Center School.

New Hostel Committee

In its plan of organization, the Youth Hostel headquarters, names each year a group of citizens to receive the charter for the local hostel and carry the responsibility for its conduct. The local hostel is known as the Richard Schirrmann Hostel and is directly across the street from the headquarters building on Main Street. The committee named consists of Arthur P. Fitt, chairman; Mrs. Mildred Addison, Gene Cullum, Gaylord Douglas, Louis Phelan and Mrs. Ross L Spencer. Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Smith who occupy a portion of the premises for residence are named as the house parents. The hostel has accommodations for 60 girls and 60 boys and its facilities have been extensively used during the past years. A busy season in hosteling is expected for the year ahead.

Hostelers Enjoy Stay

The annual reunion at the Youth Hostel was so enthusiastic that the town hall was secured for severa evenings ending with last Saturday to provide a larger place for the events. Music and dances were enjoyed each evening ending with pageant. Special exercises were held at headquarters Sunday observing the tenth anniversary of its beginning here.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Cembalisty of Millers Falls at the Farren Memorial Hos pital Thursday, December 21. Granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Cembalisty of this town.

Pvt. Charles E. Leach, son of Mrs Bertha Leach, has received an honorable discharge from the Army and is at his home. He entered the Army in 1942 and has been service in North Africa, Sicily and Italy.

Carlton W. L'Hommedieu and

Town Topics

Consolation and cheer was taken to the homes of many at the Christmas season by the local Salvation Army committee. The sick, the infirm and lonely were remembered with fruit and flowers and children were not forgotten. The effort was quite complete and thanks are due to all who assisted in the work.

Harmony Lodge of Masons held a regular meeting on Wednesday evening, December 27. The 12th lodge of instruction will meet with Republican Lodge in Greenfield Tuesday evening, January 23. Harmony Lodge has 12 members in the war service. The Grand Lodge maintains a Masonic Service Center in Ayer for the use of members of the fraternity at Fort Devens.

Rev. H. L. Rubendall, headmaster of Mount Hermon School, was the preacher at the local Congregational

Mrs. C. C. Compton was the speaker at the recent meeting of the Women's Alliance of the Unitarian Church, which met at the home of Mrs. C. H. Webster recently. Mrs. Compton spoke on "Christmas in Greece." Mrs. Robert McCastline assisted Mrs. Webster as hostess.

Lieut. and Mrs. Charles W. Barber spent the holiday season here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Whitman. Lieut. Barber is in the Marines taking an officers' course in training at Quantico and Mrs. Barber is in the service on the Pacific Coast. It afforded a happy reunion for the couple's young daughter, who is being cared for by her grandparents.

Important notice: All persons having suggestions or prepared articles for the Town Warrant are urged to send them to Fred A. Holton, chairman of the Selectmen, not later than January 15 to receive consideration. The annual town meeting will be held Monday, February 5.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Headmaster Rubendall represented Herbert Mark of Saxton River, Vt., Mount Hermon School at the recent at the Rckingham Hospital of Beltriennial national meeting of the Cum lows Falls, Vt., on Friday, December Laude Society in New York City. For- 29. Grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred mer headmaster of Mount Hermon, Holton of South Vernon and great-Dr. D. R. Porter has been president grandson of Mrs. Eugene LaBelle of general of the society for the past Northfield and of Mrs. C. I. Holton of West Northfield.

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Town Topics

Paul M. Ladginski, son of Mr. and been commissioned a second lieutenant in the Army at Fort Benning, Ga. He is now in training at Fort Meade in Maryland.

Lieut. Calvin Field is at Alameda, Cal., waiting assignment. His wife and young daughter are at her home in Ridgley Park, Pa.

Rev. Arthur Heeb of the Unitarian Church has enjoyed a brief vacation the past 10 days, which he spent in Boston and with friends in Maine.

The Women's Missionary Society of the Congregational Church met last Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Allen H. Wright, when Harry Erickson of Mount Hermon School spoke on "Yale in China."

Miss Ida Sheldon and her mother are now occupying the cottage home occupied recently by Mr. and Mrs. Lee Sheldon, on Birnam Road. Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon have moved into the homestead.

The public schools of the town reopened on Tuesday, January 2, after the holiday vacation.

Rev. George A. Bronson was the preacher at the Unitarian Church last Sunday morning in the absence of its minister, Rev. Mr. Heeb.

Miss Barbara Addison, daughter of Mrs. Mildred Addison, is at her home here after a recent appendix operation at the Franklin County Hospital. assignment.

A middle-aged woman lost her balgarbage can. A Chinaman passing by remarked: "Americans vely wasteful. The woman good for 10 years yet."

"Could I have the day off, sir, to help my wife with her house cleaning?"

"No, I'm afraid not."

"Thank you, sir. I knew I could count on you."

Town Topics

Mrs. Andrew Gray of Birnam Road Mrs. Ladginski of Maple Street, has is gradually improving after her recent operation at the Franklin County Hospital. Her niece, Miss Phebe Stacy, is with her.

> from an attack of scarlet fever and is recuperating at the home of her par- al Church for various posts. Also the ents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Tyler, in definite information that Carl C. South Vernon.

> Lieut. M. H. Zachman, husband of the former Doris Miller, who spent erating under the UNRRA for spethe holidays here with her parents, has informed his wife that he has shot down his second enemy plane. He is a fighter pilot in a P-51 Mustang, flying over enemy territory.

The local Grange will hold a joint installation of officers with the Winchester Grange in the local Grange hall Tuesday evening, January 9. The installing official will be deputy master of the state Grange, Ralph Blackmer of Shelburne.

The parents of Pvt. Stanley Johnson and Pvt. Norton P. Field have received word from their sons that they chanced to meet while in the service in New Guinea about the middle of December. Each, however, belongs to different fighting groups.

Corp. Clarence Webber of the Marines, who has seen service in the South Pacific and recently enjoyed a furlough at his home here, has gone to North Carolina to a camp for re-

An aspiring young journalist came ance and fell out of a window into a to Will Rogers for some pointers on how to write a successful newspaper column. The humorist obligingly gave him some tips.

> As the young writer was about to leave, he asked:

> "But by the way, Mr. Rogers, is the field of humor crowded?"

"Only when Congress is in session," he answered.

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> Missionary: "Poor man. So you know nothing of religion?"

> Cannibal: "Oh, we got a taste of t when the last missionary was here."

Mary had a little lamp, She filled it with benzine; She went to light her little lamp, And hasn't since benzine.

Many an argument is sound, but most of them are just noise.

Two little girls on their way home from Sunday School were solemnly discussing the lesson.

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